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NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY EVENT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

On National Public Lands Day thousands of volunteers gather at national parks and forests, reservoirs and other public areas to improve and enhance the resources of those special places where Americans go to enjoy the outdoors. Volunteers work with public land managers on needed projects that would not have been accomplished without National Public Lands Day.

National Public Lands Day provides Americans with a dramatic and productive opportunity to pitch in and help improve their public lands. One- third of the land area of the United States is in public ownership. This includes federal, state, city and county lands. These 700 million acres are used and protected for water supply, timber, minerals, recreation, wildlife management, scenic beauty, environmental education, and much more.

George Washington Carver National Monument is hosting a volunteer- led effort to control invasive exotic plants identified at the park. This work will take place in the woodlands and on the prairie. Volunteers- In- Parks (VIPs) will remove these nuisance plants by pulling and cutting. Please join the dedicated VIPs of George Washington Carver National Monument as they help protect America's treasures.

George Washington Carver National Monument preserves the birthplace and childhood home of George Washington Carver. The monument is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri on Hwy V, then south ½ mile on Carver Road. For more information, please call the park at 417- 325- 4151 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/gwca

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